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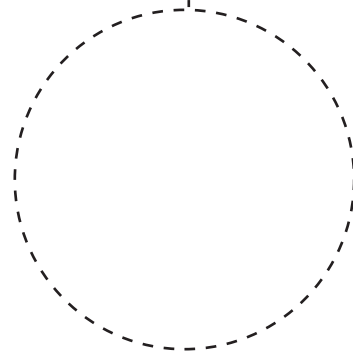
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### What can you do to help?

We all contribute to runoff pollution, also called nonpoint source water pollution. Do not dump anything down the storm drain that you would not want to swim in or drink.

- Use less fertilizer on your lawn.
- Avoid pesticides.
- Compost yard waste.
- Recycle used oil.
- Wash cars on the lawn, not the street or driveway.
- Pick up after your pet.
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